Centralized Reminder/Recall: Collaboration to Promote the Effective Use of Technology

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Accelerated by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, which channeled $19 billion in federal money to promote the adoption of electronic health records (EHRs),[1] health information technology is increasingly available and able to support the delivery of high-quality health care. Nearly 80% of pediatric practices now have EHRs.[2] The databases underlying these systems can be used to populate registries of children who need care and to trigger reminders to clinicians and families to support preventive care and disease management.[3] As the Federal Meaningful Use Program enters stage 3, mandates will expand to use EHRs not only to capture data but to use these data to drive improved health outcomes.[4]

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